

LEONARD IS ONE OF RING'S REAL CHAMPS

King of the Lightweight Division Is Eleventh to Hold Honor Has Beaten All Logical Contenders and Stands Ready to Meet All Comers.

BY BOB FIGUE.

A champion worthy of the name and one of the real kings in the Marquis of Queensberry game is Benny Leonard, lightweight titleholder and one of the greatest ringmen of all time. Benny has fought all contenders in his division, giving every challenger a crack at his crown any time they desire, but he still reigns supreme, and the indications are that it will be many years before he is deposed.

Leonard's toughest battle since he wrested the crown from Freddie Welsh was when he met Joe Gould, of Chicago, in a 15-round main event. Gould's title was involved, and had he lost the decision his title would have gone with it. Gould was the most feared lightweight among the many contenders, but Benny, after a great battle, put Joe away in the fourteenth round, after dealing out a terrific lacing to the plucky Chicagoan.

IS ELEVENTH CHAMPION.

Eleven, a lucky number in shimmering dominoes, has proved lucky for Leonard, who is the eleventh lightweight champion.

There were many brilliant titleholders to precede Leonard, but none of them possessed any greater luster than the present champion. Leonard wins the majority of his bouts without even musing on his hat. It will be remembered when he met Red Herring here some time ago, Benny stepped around and caught every punch Herring started, then knocked Herring out with little or no effort.

Leonard has had some stiff battles in defending his crown, among the hardest struggles being with Joe Gould and Johnny Dundee. These two boys always give the champion plenty of opposition, but Leonard yet to come out ahead in their tilts with him. Leonard knocked Dundee out and gave Dundee a severe pasting.

There are others seeking Benny's scalp, among them being Lew Tindler and Ritchie Mitchell. Mitchell will meet Leonard in a title go on January 14.

WON CROWN IN 1917.

Leonard won his crown from Freddie Welsh on May 28, 1917, in a fight held in New York city, the mill ending in the ninth round. After winning his title, Leonard took on a few second-rate fighters, but Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, decided he would annex Benny's title and thereby hold two championships. Leonard and Kilbane met in Philadelphia on July 25, 1917, and Leonard stopped him in three rounds. Arthur Chambers was the first of the lightweight bare-knuckle pugilists to establish his claim to the premier position in this class when he defeated Billy Edwards in Canada, 1917. Chambers is generally accorded the title until 1884, when he retired and was succeeded by Jack Dempsey. The latter soon grew too

LOCAL PASSERS OPEN SEASON IN PINE BLUFF

Memphis Y. M. C. A. Basketball Team Clashes With Arkansans Saturday Night. All Regulars in Lineup.

BY BOB FIGUE.

Coach George Gleaves and seven regulars of the local Y. M. C. A. basketball team will leave Friday night for Pine Bluff, Ark., where on Saturday evening they will officially open the 1920-1921 basketball season in a game against the strong Pine Bluff "Y" cagers. The personnel of the Memphis party will be Coach Gleaves, Capt. Oliver Perry, Willis McCabe, Norris Blackburn "Dooche" Sherman, "Shorty" Magee, Richmond Gill and Rodney Johnson, all regulars on the local quintet.

Coach Gleaves stated Friday morning that he will open the game with the following lineup on the floor: Sherman and Magee, forwards; Blackburn, center; Perry and McCabe, guards. Gill and Johnson will go along to serve as substitutes in case any of the starters become winded or injured.

SCHEDULE INCOMPLETE.

The schedule of the local five is incomplete, but here it is as far as it has been assembled:

- Dec. 18—Pine Bluff Y. M. C. A. at Pine Bluff.
- Dec. 27—Vanderbilt at Memphis.
- Dec. 31 or Jan. 1—University of Michigan at Memphis.
- Jan. 8—Open.
- Jan. 14—Evansville Y. M. C. A. at Memphis.
- Jan. 21—Vanderbilt at Nashville.
- Jan. 22—Ramblers at Nashville.
- Jan. 26—American School of Osteopathy, of Kirksville, Mo., at Memphis.
- Feb. 22—Ramblers, of Nashville, at Memphis.
- Feb. 26—Open.

There are many teams seeking dates here, and it is likely that early in February Ole Miss will come to Memphis to meet the local passers.

COLGATE CANCELS.

Colgate has canceled its date with the Memphis Y. M. C. A. team owing to the fact that it has abandoned its decision to make a Southern trip this year.

Colgate had intended meeting the Memphis, Atlanta and Birmingham passers while on their tour, but have decided against coming to Dixie. The University of Michigan has been substituted for Colgate, so local basketball fans are assured a fast battle.

The second "Y" team will go to

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TY COBB OFFERED THIRTY THOUSAND TO MANAGE TIGERS

Georgian Likely to Accept Flattering Sum—American League Meeting Gets Under Way in New York.

BY JACK VEIOCK.

(International News Service Sporting Editor.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—"Trade winds" wafted rumors of player deals and other interesting bits of gossip up and down the baseball Rialto here today.

With the arrival of Ban Johnson and his American league magnates for their annual winter meeting in New York, the baseball Rialto here today.

Among the incoming American leaguers was a young man of some reputation—Ty Cobb by name. The peachy from Georgia dropped into town at the invitation of President Navin, of the Detroit Americans.

Navin wants Cobb to manage the Tigers and is willing to hand him a contract calling for \$30,000 a year, a raise of \$12,000 over what he has been receiving as a player. Cobb is only human and it is expected that he will fall for the contract.

The meeting of the American league was scheduled for Hotel Belmont. Johnson's league has not yet ratified the new national agreement and this was one of the important items on the slate.

In addition to routine affairs that always come up in a large meeting, and perhaps some new ideas that may be introduced by some of the club owners, the league has had a little peace-making to do. The rift between Johnson and his loyal five and Messrs. Ruppert, Huston, Frazar and Comiskey, has not been entirely forgotten. If any real scrap occurs in the meeting, it will undoubtedly come over the election of a new board of directors. The American league will probably reconvene in conjunction with that of the National league on April 13 with a schedule of 154 games.

Trades in the Air.

The trades pulled off by Brooklyn and the Reds and the Yanks and Red Sox have started the ball rolling. Trading fever spreads fast once it gets a start and indications are that many other deals were being talked of today. A big four-cornered deal involving the Giants, Braves, Reds and Cardinals was in prospect today when Heinie Groh said to be headed for New York and Rabbit Maranville involved. Connie Mack, Clark Griffith, Frank Navin and other American league owners are known to have players they are willing to trade.

Before the end of the week it is practically certain that Presidents Johnson and Heydler, who will act with Judge Landis in adopting all new baseball legislation from now on, will confer regarding changes in the playing rules and may draft up a new set of regulations governing the world's series. The National league has already gone on record favoring the continuance of the use of the spit ball by pitchers who have learned to depend on it. The American league, it is believed, may take like action. This will be good news to flingers like Stan Coveleskie, hero of the recent world's series; Bill Doak and many others.

SEVERAL CHANGES IN YALE'S SCHEDULE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17.—Yale's football schedule for 1921 shows several changes from those of recent years. Nine games are to be played instead of eight, and the schedule gives the scene of the game with the Army as New Haven instead of West Point, as previously announced. Boston College, Carnegie Tech, Colgate and West Virginia are dropped as Yale opponents. And the Army, Bates college, University of Vermont, Williams college and University of Maryland are given places on the schedule. All games are to be played in the Yale bowl except the Harvard contest. The game with North Carolina will be played Oct. 8.

ROTH IS CONFIDENT WILL MEET BURGESS



KID ROTH.

Lovers of action in the ring will get it Monday night when Kid Roth and Battling Burgess tie up in an eight-round bout. Both Burgess and Roth are up to their eyebrows in hard training and will be in the last word in condition when they step through the ropes. Roth says he is confident of beating Burgess, while Burgess says he will give Roth the greatest battle of his life.

On the same card will be Young Jack Dempsey and Johnny Leonard, who are down for eight rounds in the other part of the double window. There will be two other bouts on the program.

HARVARD NINE'S SOUTHERN TRIP

(By International News Service.) CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—Harvard's baseball team will make its Southern headquarters on the Georgia Tech field this coming spring. The team has abandoned its customary barnstorming invasion of the South, dropping Annapolis, Georgetown and Virginia, to spend four days at Atlanta, meeting University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and probably Oglethorpe university. Columbia will be played April 23 at New York on the way back home.

DERRILL PRATT WON'T PLAY BALL IN 1921

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 17.—P. G. Bartelme, athletic director of the University of Michigan, announced last night that Derrill Pratt, former second baseman with the New York Americans, who was traded to Boston Wednesday, would not play league ball the coming season. Pratt is the Michigan baseball coach. Bartelme held that Pratt's contract here precluded his joining the Boston club. Pratt could not be located here last night.

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Willard To Train Three Months For Jack Dempsey

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Jesse Willard, former heavyweight champion, expects to train intensively three months in preparation for his bout to regain the title from Jack Dempsey in New York March 17, according to a statement made here by Ray Archer, his manager. Archer came to Kansas City from Lawrence, Kas., the home of the former champion, to confer with Hugh Walker, a heavyweight, concerning the employment of Walker as one of Willard's sparring partners. Walker will meet Capt. Roper, heavyweight champion of the American expeditionary forces, in a bout here, Dec. 30. Discussing the coming bout with Dempsey, Archer said: "Willard isn't thinking about money. He wants to prove to the public that he was not himself at Toledo."

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The 1921 football schedule of Johns Hopkins university includes games with the University of Virginia, Oct. 22, and a Washington and Lee, Nov. 24.

BETWEEN ROUNDS

WITH BILLY HAACK.

The night Freddie Welsh, then lightweight champion, boxed Bennie Palmer at my club, I ran into a fan the next day who said to me: "I sure tried to find you all day yesterday, but was unsuccessful. That fight last night cost me \$2." He wanted a complimentary ticket. I replied: "Too bad it cost you \$2. It cost me \$300. That's what I lost on the show."

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